REMARKS

Claims 3, and 6-11 have been amended to remove the multiple dependency therein.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. According, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 22-0185, from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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Respectfully submitted,

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